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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
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SUBJECT: EC-AUSTRALIAN CONSULTATIONS: JUNE 8-9

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 11150, (B) BRUSSELS 7216

1. EC AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS TELL US THAT VISIT TO BRUSSELS OF AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIONS R. V. GARLAND ON JUNE 8-9 WENT ABOUT AS BADLY AS HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED. COMMISSION, AS AGREED AT JUNE 6 FOREIGN MINISTER'S COUNCIL, STUCK TO ITS POSITION THAT MOST OF TRADE ISSUES RAISED BY AUSTRALIANS COULD BE DISCUSSED BILATERALLY BUT COULD ONLY BE RESOLVED IN THE OVERALL MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE MTN.

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2. GARLAND, IN A STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE CLOSE OF THE CONSULTATIONS, EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THEIR CONTENT, SAYING "AFTER ALL THE PREPARATION, AFTER ALL THE VISITS AND CORRESPONDENCE, AFTER ALL THE DELAYS S THE COMMISSION HAS OFFERED AUSTRALIA NOTHING OF ANY VALUE." HE ADDED THAT AUSTRALIA IS WILLING TO CONTINUE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS

WITH THE EC BUT WARNED THAT "UNLESS THE COMMUNITY MOVES FROM ITS PRESENT UNREALISTIC AND UNACCEPTABLE POSITION, AUSTRALIA WILL BE FORCED TO RE-EXAMINE THE BASIS OF ITS TRADING AND ECONOMIC POLICIES WITH THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING OF COURSE ITS PURCHASING POLICIES." IN A STATEMENT RELEASED IN LONDON, AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER FRASER ECHOED GARLAND'S COMMENTS AND SAID THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD CONTACT COMMISSION AGAIN FOLLOWING CABINET LEVEL DISCUSSION IN CANBERRA. (TEXTS OF GARLAND AND FRASER STATEMENTS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.)

3. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS INFORM US THAT THE GENERAL PROBLEM ON TRADE WILL NOT KEEP THEM FROM GOING AHEAD WITH THEIR BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON STEEL (BRUSSELS 9107) WHICH THEY SEE AS FAVORABLE TO AUSTRALIA. AUSTRALIA IS PREPARED TO SIGN AGREEMENT AS SOON AS EC IS READY (CURRENT PROBLEM IS AN ITALIAN RESERVE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE LIFTED.) HINTON

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